



Alaska Joint Venture





Overview



**JV Location/History
Population
Services Provided
Workload
Resources
JV Challenges
JV Issues**





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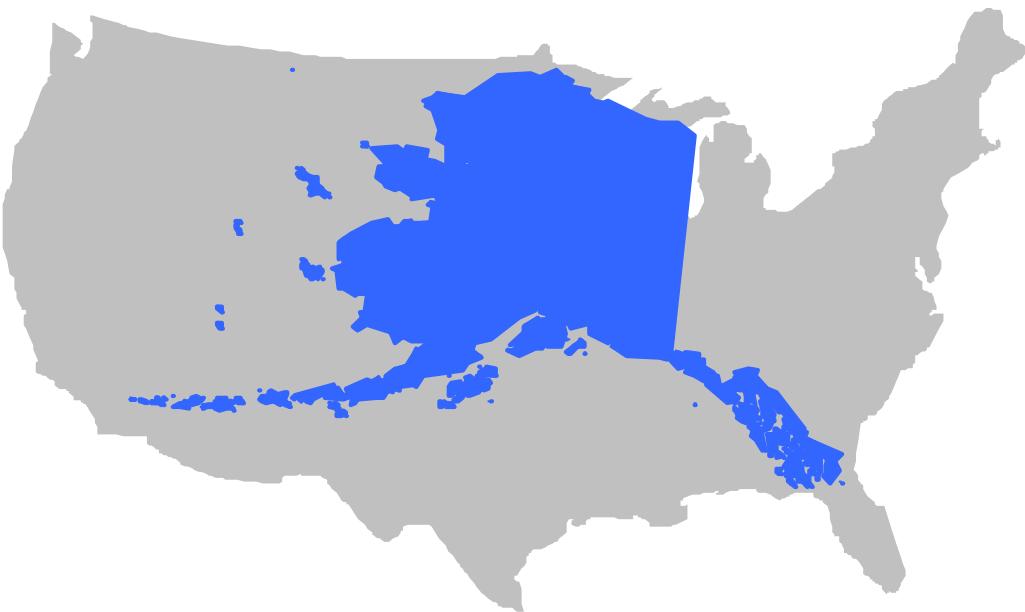
Geographic Overview



**The State of Alaska
encompasses 570,373.6
square miles of land
2 ½ times > Texas!**

**It is 1,400 miles long and
2,700 miles wide, with
over 47,000 miles of
coastline**

**Of the 20 highest peaks
in the United States, 17
are located in Alaska,
including Mt. McKinley
which is the highest point
in North America**



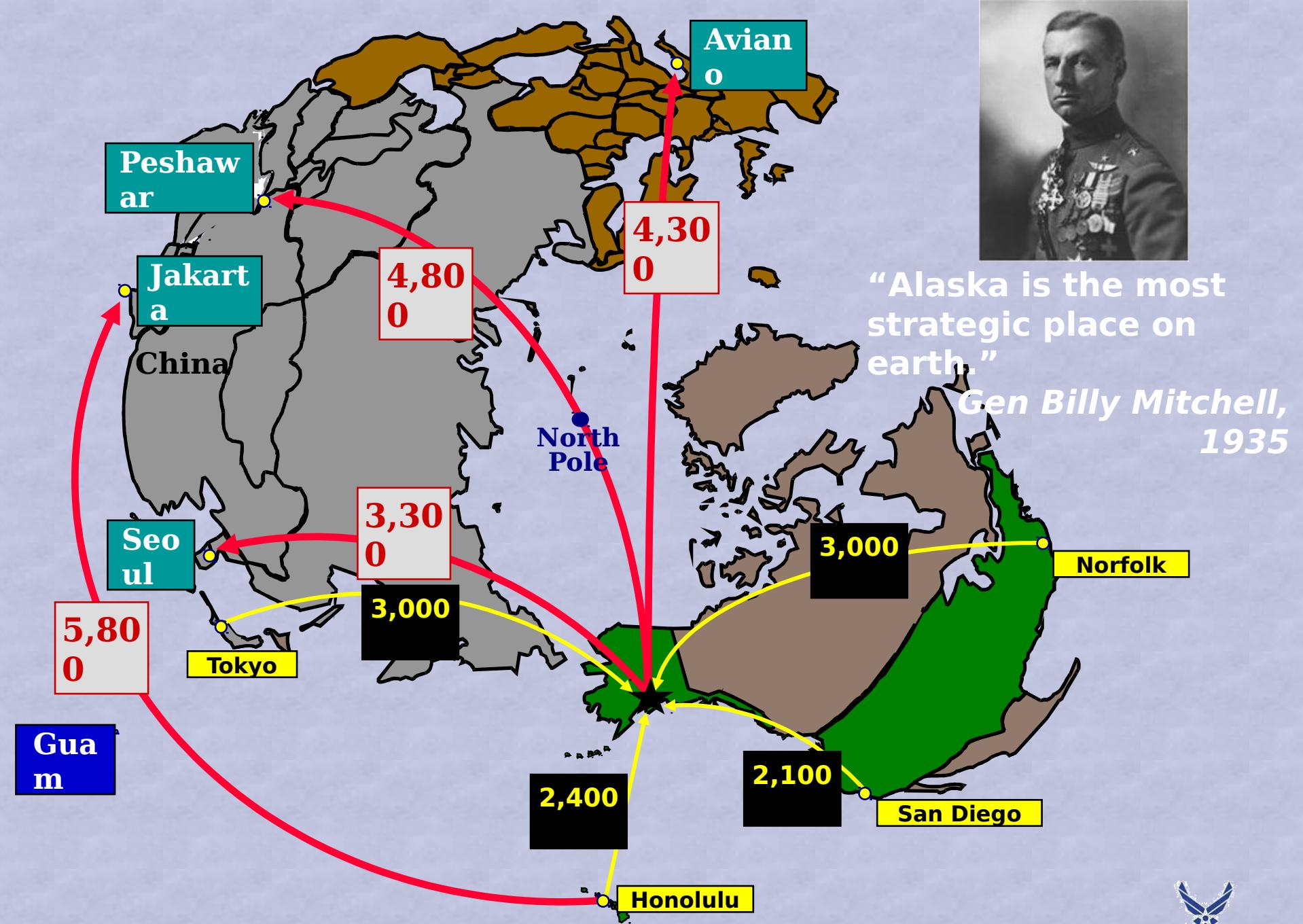
**Glaciers cover 10% of the
land**





"Alaska is the most strategic place on earth."

***Gen Billy Mitchell,
1935***



All distances in nautical
miles





The AK Environment

- ✓ **Civilian healthcare: Demand is often greater than supply...true with most specialties** (one of the lowest provider to patient ratio in the U.S.)
- ✓ **Cost of providing services higher in AK than lower 48**
- ✓ **Most of the state is “extreme rural”**
- ✓ **Vast geographic distances**
- ✓ **Extremely limited road system**
- ✓ **Air evacuation often the only practical method of patient transportation**
- ✓ **Severe weather conditions**





DoD/VA Joint Venture Medical Facility



- Built as 110 Bed Facility
- Staffed Beds:
59 Inpatient
27 Same-day surgery
4 Antepartum
90 Total
- 433,922 SF
- Cost: \$191 M
- VA contributed \$11M
- Opened May 99





Joint Venture History



- ✓ Historically, VA has provided only outpatient care; purchased inpatient care from community
- ✓ 1986: JV MTF envisioned
- ✓ 1990: Original Concept of Operations developed (based on inpatient patterns)
- ✓ 1997: VA plans to staff & manage ICU
- ✓ 1998: Concept of Ops revised to reflect changes in operational strategies





Joint Venture History



- ✓ 10 May 1999: Move into new MTF
- ✓ 2000: AF ER becomes preferred provider for veterans
- ✓ 2001: VA proposes construction of new clinic adjacent to JV MTF
- ✓ 2004: Approved for new VA Clinic
- ✓ 2004: Selected as DSS for NDAA Project & Joint Incentive Fund





Demographic Overview

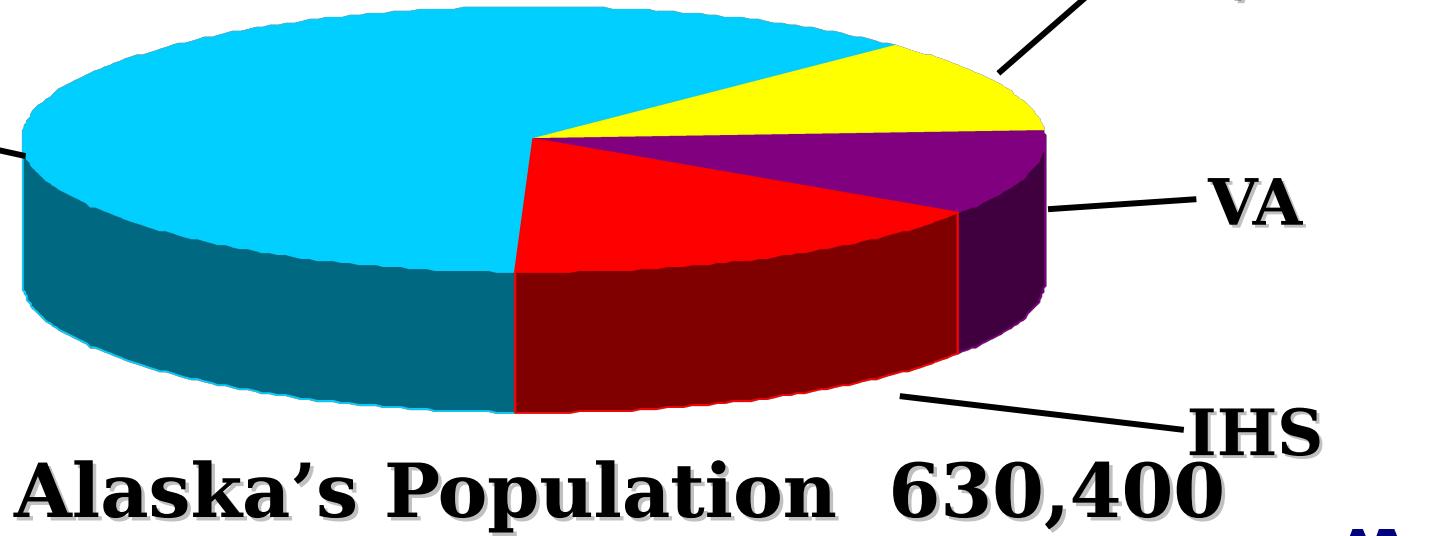
Total *Federal* Beneficiaries



DoD/DHD	74,400
VA	71,552
IHS	101,000
Total	245,952
population	

(38% of the state's

All others
389,000

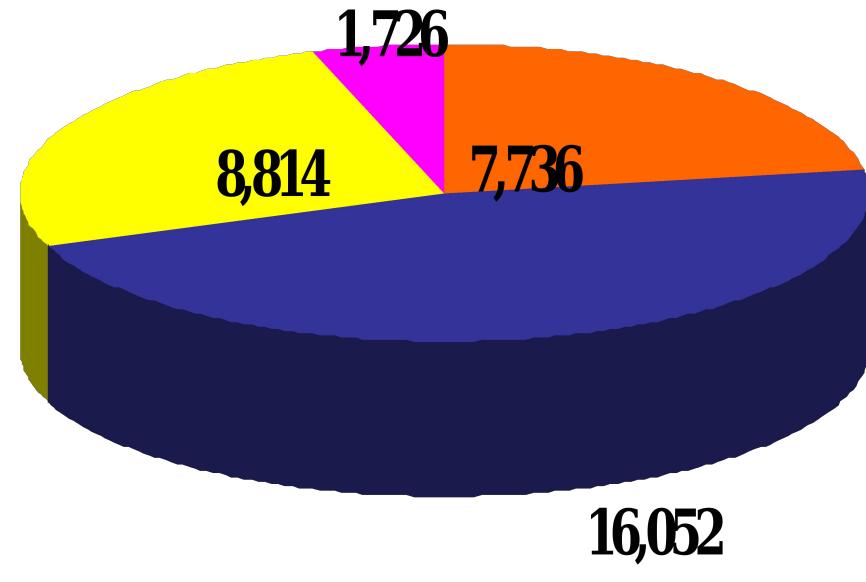




Prime and Plus Population



**Manage health
of over 34,000
enrolled
beneficiaries**



**VA has 23,500
enrollees in
Alaska**





3rd Medical Group



Medical Services

Aerospace Medicine
Allergy/Immunology
Anesthesiology
Ambulatory Surgery
Audiology
Cardiology - VA - Limited
Dermatology
Emergency Medicine
Family Advocacy
Family Practice

General Dentistry

Endodontics ***Dental Services***

Gastroenterology
General Surgery
Internal Medicine
Mental Health
Neurology
Nuclear Medicine
OB/GYN
Occupational Therapy
Ophthalmology
Optometry

Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery
Orthodontics

Orthopedics
Otorhinolaryngology
Podiatry Contract
Pediatrics
Physical Therapy
Psychology
Psychiatry
Urology

Periodontics
Prosthodontics





Ancillary Services



**Bioenvironmental Engineering
Health & Wellness Center
Clinical Laboratory
Diagnostic Imaging
Medicine**

- Nuclear Medicine
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Computed Tomography (CT)
- Mammography
- Ultrasound
- Diagnostic X-ray
- Bone Densitometry

**Public Health
Nutritional**

**Pharmacy
Pathology
- Forensic**





VA Clinical Services



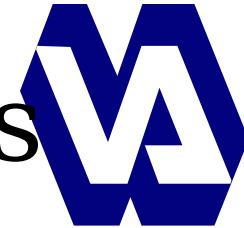
- ✓ **Primary Care**
- ✓ **Mental Health & Behavioral Science**
- ✓ **Limited Specialty Care**
- ✓ **Ambulatory Surgery**
- ✓ **Homeless Domiciliary**

- ✓ **Fairbanks/Kenai CBOC**
- ✓ **Dental/Prosthetics/Home O2/Pharmacy**
- ✓ **Lab/Radiology/Audiology**
- ✓ **Community & VISN 20 Referrals**





3 MDG FY05 Statistics



- ✓ Outpatient Visits: 170,431 (467/day avg)
- ✓ Total ER Visits: 24,831 (Includes VA, 2,527)
- ✓ Surgical Procedures: 2,712 (7/day avg)
- ✓ Babies Delivered: 668 (56/month avg)
- ✓ Admissions: 3,273
 - Average Daily Census: 24
- ✓ Prescriptions Filled: 412,314 (1130/day avg)





VA FY05 Statistics

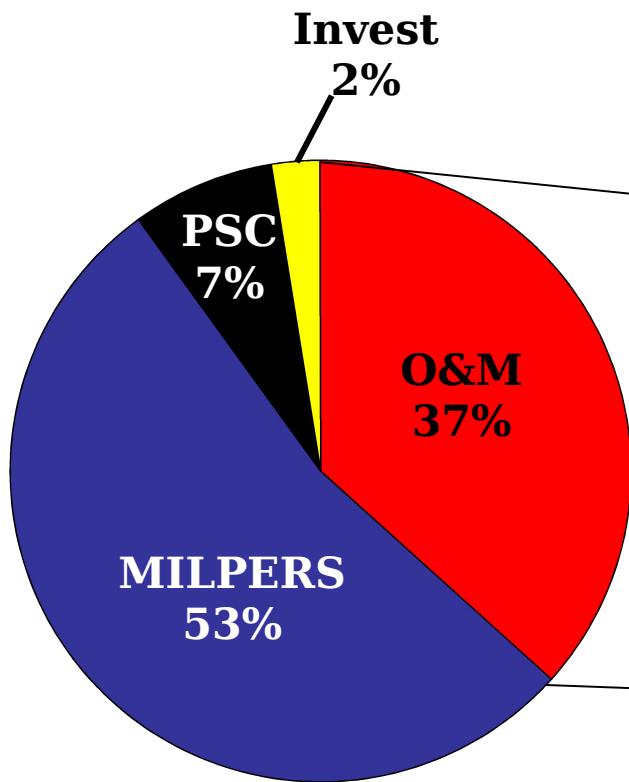


- ✓ Outpatient Visits: 96,231 (264/day avg)
- ✓ Surgical Procedures: 1,356 *(181) at JV
- ✓ Admissions: 1,301 *(588 at JV)
 - Average Daily Census @ JV: 7.2
- ✓ Fee Visits: 48,072
- ✓ Patient transports to PSHCS (Seattle VA) 873

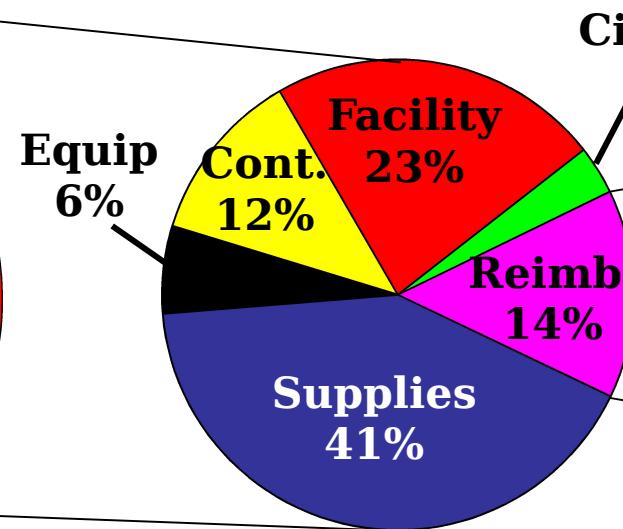




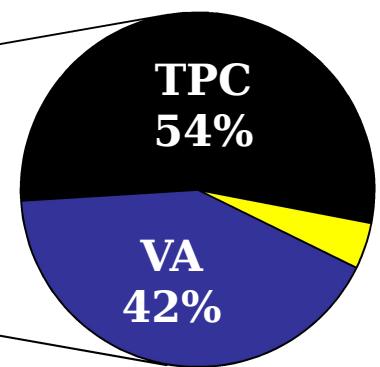
3 MDG Budget Allocation



Total Budget



O&M Budget

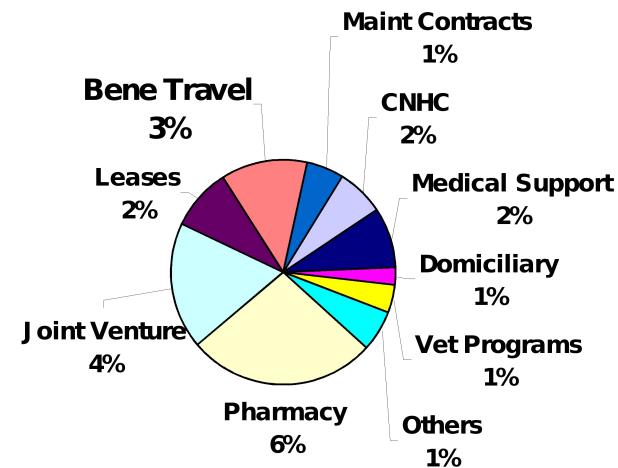


Reimbursement





Alaska VA Funding





JV MTF Staff



	FY04	FY05	FY06	Asgd
Officer	218	218	300	258
Enlisted	537	535	586	522
Civilian	65	63	63	66
VA Staff	68	67	70	62
Contractors	118	123	130	130
TOTAL	1006	1006	1149	1038





JVMTF - VA Staff



- ✓ ICU: 26 Nurses/Techs
- ✓ MSU: 6 Nurses/Techs
- ✓ Respiratory Therapy: 5 Techs
- ✓ Internal Medicine:
 - 4 Internists
 - 2 Cardiopulmonary Techs
- ✓ UM/UR: 4 employees
- ✓ ER:
 - 1 PA
 - 1 Nurse
 - 1 Admin
- ✓ Social Work: 4 employees
- ✓ Admin: 7 employees





JV Principles of Operation



- ✓ 3MDG--an integrated DOD/VA, jointly staffed hospital
- ✓ VA primarily staffs ICU
- ✓ AF primarily staffs MSU
- ✓ 3 MDG ER is preferred provider for Anchorage vets
- ✓ AF manages the hospital
- ✓ 3 MDG Executive Committee oversees JV issues
- ✓ One standard of care





JV Business Operations Committee



- ✓ Membership:
 - 3 MDG
 - **Dep Grp Cmdr (Co-Chair)**
 - **Med Support Sq Cmdr**
 - **Med Operations Sq Cmdr**
 - **Chief, Hosp Svcs (SGH)**
 - **Chief Nurse (SGN)**
 - **Joint Venture Coordinator**
 - VA
 - **Assoc Director (Co-Chair)**
 - **Chief of Staff**
 - **Chief Nurse**
 - **Exec Asst to the Director**
 - **Joint Venture Coordinator**
- ✓ Meets monthly, alternating sites
- ✓ Discuss current issues/concerns/initiatives
- ✓ Refers to 3 MDG Executive Committee





DoD/VA Financial Methodology



- ✓ ICU, Inpatient Day - \$450
- ✓ MSU, Inpatient Day - \$650
- ✓ Emergency Room Visit - \$175
- ✓ Outpatient Visit - 90% of CMAC rate
- ✓ Surgical Supply costs vary by procedure





JV Challenges



- ✓ Balancing access for Veterans and DoD beneficiaries
- ✓ Integrating Information Systems
- ✓ Unique patient populations with varying needs
- ✓ Cultural differences between VA and DoD
- ✓ Lack of JV budget (dollars and manpower)





JV Issues



- ✓ Dual Eligibles
- ✓ Third Party Collections
- ✓ Deployment Issues
- ✓ Force Protection/Security



The background of the slide features a wide-angle photograph of a mountainous landscape. In the foreground, there's a dark, flat expanse, possibly a field or a beach, leading towards a range of mountains. These mountains are heavily covered in snow, with bright white peaks contrasting against a clear blue sky. The lighting suggests either sunrise or sunset, casting a warm glow on the mountains and the sky above.

Alaska Joint Venture Is:
Win for VA
Win for DoD
Win for American
Taxpayer!

Questions?